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ACTIVITY REPORT: MISCELLANEOUS

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FACILITY: WILLIAMSBURG RECEIVING AND STORAGE		SRN: MISC-00264
LOCATION: 10190 MUNRO ROAD		DISTRICT: CADILLAC
CITY: WILLIAMSBURG		COUNTY: GRAND TRAVERSE CO
CONTACT: CHRIS HUBBELL		ACTIVITY DATE: 02/28/2005
REPORT DATE: 03/01/2005	STAFF: KC	DURATION OF ACTIVITY: 1
SUBJECT: COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION		
SOURCE CLASS: <input type="checkbox"/> NSPS <input type="checkbox"/> NESHAP <input type="checkbox"/> PSD <input type="checkbox"/> TOXIC <input type="checkbox"/> MACT		

REMARKS:

I accompanied Al Retlewski on a complaint investigation of the facility stemming from a complaint Al had received that morning. The complainant had alleged that odors from the facility had been bad on several occasions during the month of February including the morning of 2/28/05.

We arrived at the facility around 1:00 we travelled around the perimeter of the facility on Angell and Munro roads (South and West of the plant) trying to detect odors. Winds were light out of the north at the time of our inspection. I could detect only a very faint odor outside the plant entrance on Angell Rd. and no odors at all along Munro Roads in front of the neighboring homes.

We proceeded into the plant and asked to speak to Mr. Hubbell. He was out to lunch but was expected back soon. The secretary called him and he arrived at the site shortly. We discussed the complaint and the nature of our inspection with He and Mr. Brian Smith. Mr. Smith showed us his odor inspection log and both stated that they had not identified any odors recently except for slight odors that very morning. Mr. Smith stated that they had just run out of the odor masking agent that they use and had ordered more.

We inspected the building containing the waste tanks. Doors had been installed in all of the doorways but were open at the time of the inspection. Still, only faint odors were present outside the doorways. There is a waste storage area in the building and there were mild garbage type odors in this area. As we entered into the storage tank area through another open doorway a new, more pungent odor was immediately identifiable. There are two waste storage tanks in this area. Plastic sheeting had been placed over the open tops of the tanks and was held down with bungee cords except that the sheeting on one of the tanks was

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partially open. The company has installed vent pipes from the tanks out the side of the building. The odor masking agent is volatilized and piped into the tank storage room and into each of the vent pipes.

Mr. Hubbell stated that the building doors were open because plant personnel were in the process of covering the tank and that they had the odor masking agent on order and would resume operating that system as soon as they received it.

We informed him that at this time we had not detected any odors outside the plant that would be considered a nuisance and recommended that they keep the building doors closed. As we were leaving the plant Mr. Smith came back outside and showed us the new odor masking agent that had arrived with a UPS shipment while we were on site.

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CONTACT: CHRIS HUBBELL		ACTIVITY DATE: 02/28/2005
REPORT DATE: 03/01/2005	STAFF: AR	TRAVEL TIME: 1.2 HR
LEVEL OF INSPECTION: 2	FACILITY COMPLIANCE STATUS: C	TIME ON ACTIVITY: .5 HR
COMPLAINT NO: C-05CA-0011	COMPLAINT RESOLVED? Yes	DATE RESOLVED: 02/28/2005
FOLLOW-UP CONTACT REQUESTED? No		
SOURCE CLASS: <input type="checkbox"/> NSPS <input type="checkbox"/> NESHAP <input type="checkbox"/> PSD <input type="checkbox"/> TOXIC <input type="checkbox"/> MACT		
<p>REMARKS:</p> <p>Kurt Childs and I arrived about 1:30 PM and drove around the facility on Munro and Angel roads with our windows down. There was a light wind from the north and it was snowing a little. We drove Past the facility twice and only caught a slight odor on Angel road in front of the plant.</p> <p>We went in and asked for Chris Hubbell. The receptionist said he was still out to lunch and should be back shortly. She called him to let him know of our presence. When he and Brian Smith arrived we told them about the complaints and that we had not been able to confirm them. Brian Smith showed us a log that he has been keeping that he goes out several times a day and checks for odors. The log did not show that he had detected any odors except for an entry that morning that indicated a slight odor. I explained that they may have trouble detecting the odors because they work around it all day and a persons nose can get fatigued while smelling something constantly.</p> <p>I asked about the doors that they had said they were going to install, because we could not see them. They took us out to the building and showed us the door. It was on the inner room that housed the tanks but it was open at the time. They also told us that the tarps that were on the tanks had come loose in places and they were going to fix that problem. Upon entering the room that held the tanks we were able to detect some odor. It was a rotting type of odor but not real strong. I asked about the odors. They then told us that they had run out of their odor</p>		
STATUS CODES: C-COMPLIANCE NC-NONCOMPLIANCE NO-NOT OPERATING U-UNDETERMINED		
NAME: <u>Allen C Retlawski</u> DATE: <u>3/1/05</u> SUPERVISOR: <u>[Signature]</u>		

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neutralizing agent but it was on order. The system was running. They explained how the system doesn't use very much and told us that the 5 gallon container had lasted two months. They said that the lime scented agent was at times too strong and they were going to try an orange scent next. The agent is piped around the building and into the two vent pipes from the tanks. They are vented straight out through the north wall of the building with no horizontal stack. There is no fan associated with the vents it is strictly for tank breathing. The vents the open top on the tanks the open door and the lack of deodorizing agent are all potential sources of odor problems.

We went back to the office and they requested that we call them when we receive complaints. They would like the neighbors to call them if there are any problems. We explained that we need to verify the complaints. They requested a copy of the list of days and times that [REDACTED] had claimed as problems. I allowed them to make a copy of it.

As we were leaving they ran out to the car and showed us that the odor neutralizing agent had just arrived while we were there.

Exemption 6

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LOCATION: 10190 MUNRO ROAD		DISTRICT: CADILLAC
CITY: WILLIAMSBURG		COUNTY: GRAND TRAVERSE CO
CONTACT: CHRIS HUBBLE		ACTIVITY DATE: 07/27/2004
REPORT DATE: 07/29/2004	STAFF: AR	TRAVEL TIME: 1.2 HR
LEVEL OF INSPECTION: 2	FACILITY COMPLIANCE STATUS: U	TIME ON ACTIVITY: 2 HR
COMPLAINT NO: See Below	COMPLAINT RESOLVED? Yes	DATE RESOLVED: 07/27/2004
FOLLOW-UP CONTACT REQUESTED? No		
SOURCE CLASS: [] NSPS [] NESHAP [] PSD [] TOXIC [] MACT		
Associated Complaint Nos.: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Exemption 6 applies to all		
REMARKS: Janice Heuer and I arrived at the facility at 10:10. We drove North on Munro Rd to the North pipe. The pipe is a small culvert approximately 8 inch diameter metal culvert coming through a 12 to 15 foot tall bank topped with recently planted cedar trees. Janice got out and checked the pipe. There was a flow of water coming out from the pipe. Janice took two samples of the water coming from the pipe. She treated one of the samples with acid and checked the other for pH. The color test strips showed a pH of 3. The water had a sulfury rotten smell to it. The breeze was light around 5 mph from the west. The sky was clear the temp was around 80 degrees F. The odor at the time was not detectable from the road but was evident at the pipe. The water was flowing down the ditch for about 80 yards and disappeared into the ground near an overflow drain across from [REDACTED]. We went to see [REDACTED] and collect the samples they had taken. She let us know how frustrating it has been dealing with this odor problem and hoped we could do something to remedy the situation. We went into the plant and signed in at the office and talked with Chris Hubble the owner of the facility. Janice explained		
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that we were investigating the water coming from the pipe and would like to see where it was coming from. We went through the facility to the area near the North brine pits. Chris explained that the water was cooling water that the cherries are shipped to the plant in. Tubs of cherries suspended in water are dumped into a separator. Here the excess water drains off as the cherries are lifted into a mixing hopper by a short conveyor. Here they are mixed with brine and pumped into the brine pits. The pits are covered with black plastic the same day. We were joined by Brian Smith about this time who also accompanied us through the inspection.

We began to track the path of the water as it left the separator. The water is fed by gravity through about a 4 inch line down a hill to a trough on the edge of the roadway then it drains into a ditch around a parking area where three or four tanker trucks were located. The ditch was three to six feet wide and appeared to be about one foot deep near the center. The ditch was on the east and north sides of the parking lot and ended at the base of the berm. There was an overflow pipe that was about one foot higher than the water level and surrounded with stones about two to 4 inches in diameter. The water was entering the pipe by filtering through the ground and entering the pipe under ground.

The water is slightly turbid when coming from the separator and had a slight odor. The water in the ditch was more turbid and had a much stronger rotten odor to it. It also had some froth and scum on top. It was obviously being worked by the sun and fermenting. Janis said that they needed to keep the water from entering the pipe. Mr Hubble said they would get somebody busy right away damming up the end of the ditch and pumping the water to an area on the east side of the property when ever the ditch gets too full. This area is a big sand hole and the water sinks very quickly. I suggested that if they were going to set it up to pump the water away that they not wait until it has worked for a while but do it as soon as it is dumped. Mr Hubble said that that would probably be a better way to go. He said that he could install a small tank to work as a surge tank and have the pump turn on when a float triggers a switch. He also said that he was going to have the pipe removed. It was the only one left and he had wanted to remove it before when they removed the others that were there but was advised not to.

We also went around to the north end of the property to examine the pond that was the problem in the past. There was water in the pond with some patches of foam but no offensive odors. There were cattails ringing the shoreline and a family of ducks were swimming in the pond. I also heard a frog on the shoreline.

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As we went through the facility Janice looked at the brine pits for a control system that they were required to install. Mr Hubble told us that the odors from the ditch were not offensive but they had other operations that were very bad smelling. He mentioned the frac tanks that are used to store their waste water before it is pumped into tankers and trucked to sewage plants. He said that they were taking the frac tanks out. They have a new reverse osmosis process that they are hoping will allow them to clean and reuse much of their water.

We left the facility just after 12:00.